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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Nakajima et al. ✓  
Application Number: 09/786,100 ✓  
Filing Date: may 21, 2001 ✓  
Title: OPTICAL FIBER CORD ✓  
Examiner Name: C. S. Thompson ✓  
Group Art Unit: 1774 ✓

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- (X) Previously submitted:
- (X) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on June 5, 2003.
- (X) Enclosed:
- (X) Response to Examiner Comments in the Advisory Action.
- (X) Return Postcard

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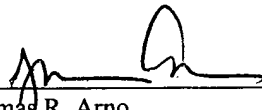
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER COMMENTS IN THE ADVISORY ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Examiner argues that Mogami does not exclude the use of the elastomer series of polyester resins. Due to the nature of the objects Mogami contemplates making from the plastic, applicant's maintain their assertion that Mogami does not teach or suggest the use of elastomer resin. Applicant's respectfully submit that it is insufficient to find obviousness in a combination where the references do not teach or suggest the combination, even if it could be stated that the combination is "not excluded" as asserted by the Examiner.

The applicants further request that the Examiner consider the deficiencies of Breant set forth in the previously submitted after final remarks which are not mentioned in the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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